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90,000 More Expected By Iraq Airlift

CONFUSION in the camps of the righteous was never more confounded than now. In the U.N., exigency was with principle and both with pride. A long, attritive and costly war against China is a horrifying prospect for both the General Staff and the political leadership of Britain, with or without the extension of the conflict into world war. It is feared that Communist wealth unit would not survive it and that certain colonial territories, including Malaya, which are key factors in the British economy, would in that event become war fronts. It is also a common belief in London political quarters that a decision to brand China an aggressor and to act punitively from there would compel Mr. Attlee's government to enter into a coalition deal with the Opposition, with the risk of splitting his own party and weakening it against the next appeal to the electorate. The nature of today's voting in the U.N. Political Committee is therefore likely to influence the tone and portents of this week's critical debates in the House of Commons, where the tactics of the Conservative Party will be guided by apparent prospects for a coalition.

BRITAIN has good practical reason for its efforts at persuading the Americans to caution: So have many of the small nations, whose views have been modestly but pertinently expressed by Israel's delegate at Lake Success. On the other hand, the U.S. is well justified in reminding the U.N. delegations of their utterances at the time of the original Korean resolution and in pointing out to them that what was aggression then is aggression now and that the consequences freely accepted then should be freely accepted now. By the standard created then, America's position today is morally strong and the refusal of the Administration to go on watering down its China resolution will be fully supported by the American public.

It remains to be seen how far America's determined stand in the matter of naming China the aggressor and promising punitive action is an internal political necessity and how far an expression of the Administration's serious policy. In any case, it would seem fairly clear that Mr. Truman is uneasy and that Mr. Acheson's position is growing steadily weaker, with the result that America's policy is becoming even less predictable than it was. With the return of General Eisenhower to Washington, there may come some clarification in the minds of the President and the Secretary of State, which will affect their attitude to China and Korea.

THERE is, of course, the risk that General Eisenhower's report may encourage Congress to have done with direct commitment to Europe, and to follow a strictly American line in the Far East. The Supreme Commander will have to say that he has failed to persuade the European members of the Alliance to increase their period of military service from eighteen months to two years, which he and General Montgomery regard as the essential minimum. The French government has pointed out that an attempt to introduce the increased period of service in France would bring it down. The Belgians have said the same. Holland has dismissed its commander-in-chief, who agreed with General Eisenhower. In these circumstances, it also becomes doubtful whether the Supreme Commander will be able to promise the extra ten European divisions by the end of this year, which it is thought, the Senate will demand in return for its support of the plan to send U.S. divisions to Europe.

ALL in all, there would seem to be disunity and uncertainty not only within the Atlantic Alliance, but also in America's own command. One cannot help thinking that the way is unsteady and convoluted, in the first place, through a sensible solution of the Far East problem.

Dizengoff Safe In Bermuda

HAIFA, Sunday. — A telegram received this evening by the Haifa office of the Dizengoff (Shipping) Company read: "All men aboard the S.S. Meir Dizengoff safe and sound. The ship reached Bermuda Harbour this morning. The cable was sent from the ship itself. United Press reported earlier today that fire broke out in the forepeak of the Meir Dizengoff yesterday afternoon and rapidly spread to the holds. The whole crew battled with the blaze and managed to confine it below decks. The ship was able to maintain full speed to the Bermuda coast. The captain had to jettison part of his cargo of cork. Later on Saturday evening American air-pilots reported the ship to be lying 'dead' some 70 miles north of Bermuda. Several ships were standing by, including the British frigate, Snipe. Later the ship continued under its own steam and reached the harbour of St. George's, Bermuda, in the morning with a Bermuda pilot warden at the helm and escorted by the Snipe. Local firemen joined the weary crew who had waged the fight for 18 hours. The 5,800-ton merchantman had been carrying a cargo of cork and chrome from Lisbon to Baltimore. The Meir Dizengoff was bought from the German Steamship Company, an American concern, she was built in 1921 and was previously named Alhambra City. She is a sister to the Westcott, sold.

Foreign Affairs Debate Today

The close of the foreign affairs debate and the reply of the Foreign Minister will be the highlight of this week's Knesset session. The debate will be resumed today. Another interesting item on the agenda is a report to the House by a Knesset sub-committee on conditions in the mabarot. The probe had been conducted by a decision of the House. The long-awaited report by the Minister of Education on the question of education in the mabarot has been given 11th place in the 12-point agenda, and will probably not come up.

Kibbutz Member Slain in Negev

BEERSHEBA, Sunday. — The body of David Wolpin, 36, of Kibbutz Ein Hashlocha, formerly Kibbutz Neve Yair, was found yesterday morning about 700 metres west of the settlement near the Egyptian border. He had been stabbed in the back and beaten over the head with a stone. His shoes, watch and rifle were stolen, and the 150 sheep he had been shepherding were gone. It is believed that the murderer came from over the border. He was buried today. The murder was discovered when settlement members went out to search for Wolpin when he failed to return home. He emigrated to Israel from the Argentine two years ago. Five members of Kibbutz Komeinit were injured when their tender struck a mine in the Palujia area on Friday morning.

Twin Engined Craft For Iraq Transport

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The two Skymasters added to the Iraqi airlift yesterday may soon be joined by several twin-engined aircraft to help expedite the transfer.

"Lamifneh" Walks Out On Party Meeting

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Members of the left-wing Lamifneh faction of Hapoel Hamizrachi walked out of the meeting of the Party Executive tonight when the majority refused to admit Mr. D. Neuman, the Petah Tikva Councillor who had disobeyed Party instructions in the majority vote. The Hapoel Hamizrachi Centre discussed the "Petah Tikva case" late tonight. The Lamifneh faction held a separate council here today concurrently with the meeting of the right-wing faction in the Centre.

Turkey Denies Israel Pact

ANKARA, Sunday (Reuter). — The Turkish Foreign Minister, Fudat Koprulu, has issued a statement denying allegations that Turkey had made a secret military agreement with Israel. He said that the recent private visit here of Ahsaf Moshe Dayan "had no military content." The allegations, which recently appeared in the Arab press, also said that Turkey was re-exporting to Arab states with the label "made in Turkey" goods which originated in Israel. This was not true, Mr. Koprulu stated. He said Turkey has a "very normal commercial agreement with Israel which has no secret clauses attached to it; its text can be examined by the entire world." Existing laws, he added, stipulate that all goods exported

Pleven Arrives In U.S. For Talks With Truman

NEW YORK, Sunday (UPI). — French Premier Rene Pleven arrived here today for a two-day series of conferences in Washington with President Truman aiming at the consolidation of Franco-American unity in the face of Communist aggression in the Far East. M. Pleven was greeted at the airport here by the French Ambassador to Washington, members of the French U.N. delegation, and other French officials. No formal welcome was given him as he will be officially greeted by President Truman in Washington tomorrow. The talks will begin immediately afterwards.

C.O.L. Deductions To Be Refunded

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Part of the deductions from C.O.L. allowances paid to workers last year is to be refunded. According to a report issued by the Central Bureau of Statistics, on the cost of living in 1950, there was a divergence between the official index and the actual cost of living. This follows the decision made in the middle of 1948 to pay a third of the deducted sum into a special fund, pending the result of an inquiry into the correctness of the official C.O.L. index on which the deductions were based.

No Amount Set

There is as yet no indication of the amount to be refunded to workers and manufacturers. The report, which is now before the Minister of Finance, has not yet been submitted to the Cabinet. It is expected to be presented shortly.

RILEY ILL IN JERUSALEM

Major General William Riley, U.N. Chief of Staff, who has been confined to his bed for a week at the King David Hotel, is expected to be able to leave his room in a few more days. He has been suffering from an attack of gall trouble.

Arab League Delays Decision On World Affairs, Ignores Local

The Political Committee of the Arab League was due to wind up its meetings this morning with a decision on its attitude to the current international situation and the League's answer to Syria's plan for a unified or federal Arab state. The General Council of the League is meeting in Cairo this afternoon to ratify any decisions made by the Committee. The week-long discussion on the international scene was continued on Saturday night but still no decision was taken on whether, and on what conditions, the League should attach itself to the Western camp. Earlier reports that the meetings would ignore most inter-Arab questions, have been confirmed. All the Committee managed to settle on Saturday was approval for the U.N. plan for the independence of Libya. Egypt was authorized to watch over the question and "guide" Libya's emergence as the eighth Arab state. Support for the unity plan of the Syrian Premier, Nazem el Kudi, came yesterday from Baghdad where a former premier, Musbah Fadhil Pachachi, urged the adoption of federation. In Aleppo and other Syrian towns, students demonstrated in favour of the more complete united states plan. The government in Baghdad still opposes both schemes, favouring its own "Fertile Crescent" plan which would place the Iraqi army in charge of Syria. Abdullah's opposition is obvious. Once a federal scheme were enacted it would mean the end of his dreams of a throne in Damascus. Egypt and Saudi Arabia, further away from Syria, would welcome the chance of intervening in her affairs. The tussle between the Hashemite countries and the Cairo-Riad axis will be largely determined by attitudes of the Lebanon and Yemen, so far neutral.

Syrians Jailed For 'Jordan Plot'

DAMASCUS, Sunday (AP). — A military court here today sentenced four persons to imprisonment for from 18 months to five years for conspiring with Jordan to arrange a military coup intended to join Syria to Jordan. Two army officers and a member of the Syrian parliament were acquitted for lack of evidence.

Japan Treaty Talks In Australia

SYDNEY, Sunday, (AP). — President Truman's special envoy, Mr. John Foster Dulles, has accepted Australia's invitation to come here to discuss a Japanese treaty, it was officially announced.

U.N. Group Drafts 'Brand China' Amendments

Communists Attack 15 Kms. from Seoul

TOKYO, Sunday (AP). — Chinese Communists hit back with battalion-strength counter-attacks early today after confident American infantrymen had rushed through scattered resistance to within 15 kms. of Seoul. Advances averaging five kms. were made on a 60 km. wide front by American, British, Greek and Puerto Rican soldiers today. The latest Chinese counter-blow in battalion strength (up to 1,000 men) was made today 10 kilometres northeast of Kumyangjang. The fighting is continuing. Two earlier half-hearted Chinese counter-attacks were repulsed. It was reported that three companies of the cut-off Chinese 148th Division counter-attacked 12 kms. west of Suwon near the Yellow Sea coast. Other Chinese assembled for a thrust at the Puerto Rican some kms. northeast of Suwon, but Allied artillery tore the Communists apart before they could get started.

General MacArthur Flew Today to Suwon for 4 1/2-hour Front Line Visit

General MacArthur flew today to Suwon for a 4 1/2-hour front line visit. General MacArthur said: "This is exactly where I came in seven months ago to start this crusade. The odds we fight for now, however, is more — it's a free Asia." General Ridgway, told General MacArthur that U.N. ground and air action along the Eighth Army front had cost the Chinese Communist at least 40,000 killed and 120,000 wounded since the beginning of the year.

Mannerheim Dead at 83

GENEVA, Sunday (Reuter). — Marshal Mannerheim, former President of Finland, died at the Cantonal Hospital here late last night. Death was caused by heart collapse following an abdominal operation on Wednesday.

HISS APPEALS TO SUPREME COURT

WASHINGTON, Sunday (Reuter). — Alger Hiss, a former American State Department official convicted of perjury on a charge that he had passed on secret documents to Russia, today appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court against the verdict. Hiss based his appeal on a contention that the Circuit Court of Appeals made four errors in upholding his conviction by a New York District Court jury. He was sentenced last year to five years' imprisonment and is on \$10,000 bail.

King of Finland

Born Carl Gustaf Mannerheim was sometimes called "uncrowned king" of modern Finland. He became a popular figure as the Russian imperial court and fought in the Russo-Japanese war in 1904-5. After the Revolution he built up a peasant army which, with German help, expelled the Russians from Finland. He instituted a "White Terror" in a savage endeavor to obliterate left-wing elements. From 1918 he lived in retirement in Switzerland.

14 IN NEW ZEALAND YACHT TRAGEDY

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Sunday, (Reuter). — Fourteen men and two boats were still missing today in the greatest yacht racing tragedy in New Zealand history. Royal New Zealand Air Force planes, after an intensive search of the storm-tossed Cook Strait for several days, were abandoning the hunt tonight. A third yacht was washed and a fourth, after being abandoned by her six-man crew, was being towed into Paremata Harbour. A fifth, which had been missing, was now known to be returning to Wellington under her own power. The yachts were taking part in a race to Wellington when they were caught by the tempest several days ago.

Chinese Forces Evacuate Tibet

KALIMPONG, BENGAL, Sunday (Reuter). — The bulk of the Chinese invading forces in Eastern Tibet have been withdrawn as a preliminary to Chinese-Tibetan reconciliation talks, according to usually reliable sources here today. The request for withdrawal was made by the 16-year-old Dalai Lama, who had fled his palace at the capital, Lhasa. He asked the Peking authorities to withdraw the Chinese forces as a token of good faith to facilitate negotiations under peace conditions.

12-Nation Consultations

Consultations will start today among the 12 nations according to present indications this would be the only change in their resolution. Omission of any mention of a cease-fire was the main criticism directed against the draft during the Political Committee debate. Mr. Lester B. Pearson of Canada, while supporting the two-hour proposal to declare China an aggressor, has suggested in the Political Committee that such a seven-nation body be asked to meet within a week either at Lake Success or New Delhi.

BURMA GOVT TROOPS REPEL COMMUNISTS

RANGOON, Sunday (Reuter). — Burma government troops repulsed an attack by 8,000 Communists today on a military outpost 50 kms. south of Mandalay. A Government communiqué said the Communists suffered heavy casualties in another engagement in the Bessin sector, west of Rangoon.

E. Germany, Poland Agree On Final Line of Demarcation

BERLIN, Sunday (Reuter). — East Germany and Poland yesterday formally agreed to the final line of demarcation between their two countries — along the Oder-Neisse peace border — with an exchange of signed documents at Frankfurt-on-Oder just inside the East German frontier.

Morrison in New UK Arms 'Pep Talk'

EDINBURGH, Sunday, (Reuter). — A struggle of peoples against tyranny is in progress, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Deputy Prime Minister, declared here tonight. He made a vigorous denunciation of Soviet Russia in the third of a series of government statements preceding tomorrow's expected announcement on rearmament costs.

ANOTHER ATOMIC BLAST IN NEVADA

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, Sunday, (AP). — Another atomic explosion rocked this western desert community today — the second in as many days. Atomic Energy officials confirmed this was the third such explosion in less than a week. Residents of this sparsely settled area said it was louder than previous test explosions and accompanied by a sound like rumbling earth. Yesterday's "sunburst-like" blast was seen and felt by hundreds in four western states.

DEWEY ATTACKS ISOLATIONISM

NEW YORK, Sunday (Reuter). — Governor Thomas Dewey said last night that if America went isolationist, Russia would take over the rest of the world and choke off the supplies America needed for survival.

CARDINAL SPELLMAN GETS BOMB THREAT

NEW YORK, Sunday (AP). — Scores of police mingled with worshippers in St. Patrick's Cathedral today following a threat to bomb the Roman Catholic edifice at one of the Sunday masses. A mailed threat to bomb St. Patrick's was received by Cardinal Spellman. Signed "masses," the crude note said a bomb would explode during one of the Sunday masses in "your St. Patrick's Cathedral."

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30 Friday (Jerusalem)

More than 400 housing units are now under construction at Givat Olga, near Hadera. Roads and water-system are already well advanced, and special lots have been set aside for the erection of public buildings.

Tauva was fined IL100 yesterday and required to deposit IL200 as a guarantee of good behavior for one year, by the Jerusalem Anti-Prostitution Court, for selling a bottle of ibuprofen that contained insects.

10 passengers arrived in the s.s. Providence yesterday, in Haifa.

Wolfgang Lieberman, of Tel Aviv, was sentenced to a 10-day imprisonment for stealing a car and driving a vehicle not covered by his license. He was also sentenced to a 10-day imprisonment for driving a commercial vehicle without a private license, and without insurance or number plates.

Custodian Repays Rent Rise

A large number of appeals against the Custodian of Abandoned Property in Jerusalem is expected following the Custodian's recent decision to repay a resident of the German Colony the difference in rent that was taken from him in excess of the sum specified in the original contract. The resident, who had filed an appeal in the Magistrate's Court after paying the new rental, which was almost twice the old amount, before the hearing, the District Attorney's office declared that the Custodian was ready to repay the difference although it was specified that this was not to be regarded as a precedent.

Ration News

TEL AVIV DISTRICT — Eggs: children, 8; adults, 7; Yod 30. Meat: 125 grams, Kuf 12; visitors, 12; expectant mothers, additional 200. Oil: physical labourers, additional 400 grams, 12. Meat: 125 grams, Kuf 12; visitors, 12; expectant mothers, additional 200. Oil: physical labourers, additional 400 grams, 12.

Special Tourist Exchange Rate Urged to Attract Visitors

TEL AVIV, Sunday — Ways of fostering the tourist trade in Israel were proposed today by a general meeting of the Tourist and Travel Association which asserted that this vital source of invisible export was not being tapped to the full.

While 36 per cent more tourists visited Israel during 1950 than the previous year, the Treasury estimated that the 30,000 visitors last year spent about IL1,300,000, or just over half the sum spent by the 22,000 tourists in 1948, it was stated. The meeting suggested that a "tourist exchange rate" be instituted, as is being done in various other countries, to attract visitors from abroad.

Other resolutions adopted at the meeting welcomed the Government's decision to foster tourist exchanges with other countries, and urged that organized groups of tourists be granted reduced fares and prices in the country; that more publicity about Israel be spread abroad to attract foreigners; and that the local catering trade improve and extend its services. Another motion was that the Government Tourist Department become part of the Ministry of Trade and Industry, and that it be given wider powers so that it could be centralized in one body on which the Association should be represented.

The meeting expressed the Government's policy of restricting travel of Israelis abroad, asserting that this was essential to the maintenance of the country's economy, and that it was essential to the maintenance of the country's economy.

University Heads Ask End to Strike

Declaring that the University could not tolerate a state of affairs in which the student body used the strike weapon to gain academic ends, a group of University officials yesterday appealed to the students to end their four-day-old strike.

The group, which included Professor A. Brodetsky, President of the Senate, and Dr. D.W. Ben-Zur, Executive Vice President, told a press conference that the Senate felt that the new examination arrangement, which set off the strike, was fair and "should satisfy the justified student demands." It was pointed out that the new scheme had been worked out only after prolonged study.

Refuse Representation

Regarding the students' demand for representation in the academic and administrative bodies, the Senate did not "see any reason for the creation of student representation in the governing bodies of the University." The Senate noted that a joint University-Students committee existed for the purpose of clarifying all matters relating to the students, adding that this body could be amended and its field of activity broadened.

The University leaders agreed that they had failed to discuss the matter of examinations with the students at first, as had been promised, and did so only at a later stage, but this in no way entitled a reaction in the form of an immediate strike. "Something out of all proportion to the situation," they stated.

In rejecting the students' demand that autumn examinations should be held on two dates without any restriction, and that the students should be free to choose freely between the two, they stressed the heavy burden that this system would place on the faculty, stating that there will be from 5,000 papers to be checked in the examinations this year.

MOUSEFUL

"The mice ate my ration book," Mr. H. Hanoun stated in the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday morning in taking an oath affirming the bona fide loss of his ration book. He was applying for a new one.

Hooks Cause Waste Of Sugar

HAIFA, Sunday — Although the use of hooks for handling hanged cargo is forbidden in the Port here, a number of bags of sugar being unloaded today from the s.s. Kotka had holes in them and the contents were spilling on the ground. It seems that the hooks, which tear the bags, are sometimes used in the ships' hold where control is not always possible.

MAN KILLED BY TRAIN

HAIFA, Sunday — An unidentified person was run-over and killed by passenger train No. 11 at Kilmestre 487 on the Hadera-Benayima line at about 8 o'clock last night. The victim is described as 35 years of age, brown hair, unshaven, thin, wearing a grey-striped suit, red pull-over, a blue cap and old boots. Information should be given to the Traffic Department of the Hadera Police.

13 Cows Die Of

Oleander Poisoning. HEDVOT, Sunday — Five cows died of poisoning and eight others had to be slaughtered when a herd of 40 belonging to Mr. Oved Kharberg, of Hedvot, was poisoned after eating oleander leaves here on Friday morning. Efforts are being made to save the remaining 30 cows which are being attended by a team of eight veterinary surgeons.

Eyewitness Charges Doctor with Cruelities

TEL AVIV, Sunday — Dr. Pinhas Hershkovitz, 40, of the Municipal Hospital here, who is charged with the death of a 12-year-old boy from his hiding place and handed him over to Ukrainian guards to be shot, a witness told the Magistrate's Court here today. The witness, Miriam Ben-Zur, said that she had herself seen the act at the Wolanow concentration camp in Poland. The boy was her cousin.

Father Machine-Gunned

A few minutes before the incident, Dr. Hershkovitz and the German commandant of the camp had inspected a group of prisoners and had selected those destined for the crematorium. They were ordered to stand aside. Among them was his father, Ukrainians soon appeared with machine guns, and mowed down the condemned, 120 in number. During the shooting her 12-year-old cousin hid under an overhanging machine barrel, but was dragged out by the accused who attempted to save themselves, the witness said.

Her mother became ill as a result of the execution, and died three hours after being given a large dose of pills by the accused, Miriam Ben-Zur said.

Although she was ill with typhus, another witness recounted Dr. Hershkovitz had ordered the forcible removal to a section of the camp reserved mainly for condemned persons. The witness, Rivka Linden, said that, according to others, her brother had died as a result of injections given by Dr. Hershkovitz.

Police Probe Opens In Ritov Case

HAIFA, Sunday — Internal police investigation in connection with the charges made at the trial of Gershon Ritov and five others of alleged beatings by police were opened today in the presence of Mr. Joseph Nahmias, Deputy Inspector-General of Police. First Inspector D. Tryfus, who was suspended from duty for the duration of the investigation, and other officers and constables who testified at the trial in connection with the beating, as well as Gershon Ritov and S. Hinson, the reported victims, were summoned to the investigation.

Explosion Victims Sue for Damages

HAIFA, Sunday — Criminal proceedings were started today against Abraham Ben David Zohar, accused of causing bodily harm to Dr. Kurt Zucker, his wife, Ruth, and their son, Elihu. He is alleged to have detonated a quantity of explosives without taking the necessary precautions at the quarry in Rappin Road on August 27 last.

BEERSHEVA SQUATTERS MOVED TO CAMP

BEERSHEVA, Sunday — The 30 Kurdish immigrants who had been squatting in the courtyard of the Histadrut building for the past 11 days today moved temporarily to the immigrant camp here. They are now awaiting the decision of the Jewish Agency's Absorption Department as to where they will be permanently settled.

HEBREW NATIONAL OPERA

SONG RECITAL by RAPHAEL ARE at LA SCALA OPERA, MILAN. Sunday, Feb. 4 at 8 p.m. Tickets at Orlan, 25 Herta St. and at the Box Office on the night of the concert.

Defence by Press

Yesterday morning's press was again divided along party lines as the defence of the "non-identification" foreign policy, as well as on the interpretation of various steps taken in the U.N.

"Davar," the Histadrut daily, editorially concluded that the Israeli Government is sincerely looking for a way of its own to preserve world peace, and purging a fair policy of non-identification. Examining demands made for the first time in the Knesset last week for more far-reaching identification with the Western bloc, the paper asked whether this meant maintaining ties with Jewish populations in the Western countries, or political identification, to the exclusion of relations with the U.S.S.R. As regards the former, the paper said that contact was being maintained; as regards the latter, even the most extreme right-wing groups would oppose such a step.

Public Opinion

Further, the paper said that if the critics meant support of U.N. steps to curb aggression — that was being done; if they meant indiscriminate support of proposals from any one side in the U.N. — it found that the public would not support such a policy.

"At Yehoshua," the Mapei organ, said that Israel's latest press proposals marked her as firmly fixed in the Washington-London axis, far from China as an aggressor, it thought, because the U.S. demands such action, but opposed action because Britain has given the lead in this respect.

"Kol Ha'am," the Communist paper, also interpreted the decision to back the U.S. proposal as indicative of Israel's subservience to the State Department. In view of the threatened expulsion of Mapei members from Ashdod, Yaffo and Givat Hashlosha, "Herd" asked the government authorities to take steps to make it possible for persons of different political opinions to remain in their homes.

Independence Day Fetes Planned for Every Hamlet

Independence Day festivities will take place on May 11 this year throughout the country from the capital to the newest moshavim. Although the main events will be in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, programmes are also being planned for every town and settlement.

FESTIVAL FOODS

A special cake, known as "mishal" and a beverage, "raviv," a mixture of orange juice and milk, will be prepared for the celebration of Independence Day.

Rabbi Maimon D.D. From Yeshiva U.

NEW YORK, Sunday (INA). — Rabbi Judah L. Maimon, Minister for Religious Affairs, today received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from the Yeshiva University.

RASHISH TAKES UP HIS DUTIES IN PETAH TIKVA

PETAH TIKVA, Sunday, (ITM). — Mr. P. Rashish returned to his post as Mayor here today, following the removal by the High Court of the temporary injunction against his taking up the post. His first act was to receive the heads of municipal departments.

Maiden Flight of New U.S. Jet Successful

EL SEGUNDO, California, Sunday, (Reuter). — The U.S. Navy's air arm has announced the successful maiden flight of the Douglas F-4 D, a "bullet" jet interceptor fighter. The new jet is designed for catapult takeoff from carriers and for rapid climb to the upper stratosphere. The U.S. Navy said last night that the plane fulfilled the need for a fighter which could intercept an enemy before he reaches a position to attack the fleet or ground installations. The fighter has a grotesque appearance, its wing and tail are combined as one with the nose and cockpit protruding far forward.

Electric Copilot

Meanwhile, it was announced in Pittsburgh that some of America's newest jet fighters will have an "electrical copilot" which its makers claim will guide it accurately through loops, rolls and other dog-fight manoeuvres.

Described by the manufacturers as the first automatic pilot, with "unlimited manoeuvrability," the copilot will be installed in the F-9C fighter plane being built for the U.S. Air Force by the Lockheed Corporation.

New Prime Minister For South Korea

PUSAN, Sunday (Reuter). — Dr. John Myun Chang, former South Korean Ambassador to the U.S., arrived in Pusan from Washington today to assume the Prime Ministership of the South Korean Republic.

Dr. Chang was appointed Prime Minister when his nomination by President Syngman Rhee was approved by the Korean Assembly by 148 votes to six.

Forty Days In A Closed Crate

MARSHFIELD, Sunday (Reuter). — A stowaway who lived for 40 days in darkness in a wooden crate arrived here from Sofia aboard an Italian steamer claiming he had "chosen freedom."

The man, who gave his name as Cristof, said he had had himself mailed up in the crate in Sofia and the crate was stamped "automobile."

For three days the crate was under lock in a hunting yard in Sofia. Then it was sent to a port in northern Italy where some days later it was hoisted aboard the Italian steamer, Fialla, which sailed on January 26.

Jet Plane Inventor Silent on Visit

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday. — Sir Frank Whittle, inventor of the jet aircraft engine, arrived here by Cyprus Airways tonight. He declined to make any statement on the purpose of his visit.

US Claiming \$500m. Ships from Russia

WASHINGTON, Sunday (Reuter). — State Department experts disclosed yesterday that, in current lease negotiations with the Soviet Union, the U.S. was demanding the return of 507 naval craft. They were turned over to Russia in the war.

Officials said that they held little hope that Russia would agree to this despite commitments in the original agreement. They emphasized that none of the ships was new for sale though previously the Russians had been advised they could buy the merchant vessels if they desired.

Siamese Twins' Family Dies Out

MOUNT AIRY, North Carolina, Sunday (Reuter). — Robert E. Bunker, last surviving child of the original Siamese twins, has died here aged 85 in the house that the twins, Eng and Chang, built more than a hundred years ago. He was the son of Eng who died on January 17, 1874, three hours after the death of Chang.

T.A. Council Approves Gov't Relief Loan

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Mayor I. Rokach was authorized by the Municipal Council tonight to receive a Government loan of IL200,000 for relief work projects in February and March. Some 700 persons are employed on the projects, which include tree planting, road building and sewage work, mainly in the outskirts of the city.

U.P.A. Spent \$118m. In Israel in 1950

NEW YORK, Sunday (INA). — The United Palestine Appeal in Israel spent some \$118,500,000 on its immigration and absorption programme in 1950. This was announced here today by Mr. Rudolph G. Sonneborn, reporting to the annual meeting of the U.P.A. board of which he is national chairman.

THE GENERAL MORTGAGE BANK OF PALESTINE LIMITED

Balance Sheet as at the 31st December, 1950 (To be submitted to the General Meeting for Approval)

| 31st December, 1949 | II | Issued & Authorized fully paid | II | II | 31st December, 1950 | II | II |
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| CAPITAL AND RESERVES | | | | | | | |
| Share Capital | 60,000 | 60,000 | 60,000 | 60,000 | FIXED ASSETS | | |
| 800,000 Ordinary Shares of 100 pruta each | 225,000 | 750,000 | 225,000 | 750,000 | Land and Buildings (at 10 and 120 Herta Herta Street, Tel Aviv), nominal value | 1 | 1 |
| 30,000 % Cumulative Participating Preference Shares of II 5 each | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | Office Furniture, nominal value | 63,000 | 63,000 |
| | 475,000 | 1,000,000 | 475,000 | 1,000,000 | Investments, at cost | 63,000 | 63,000 |
| Reserve Fund | 175,000 | 175,000 | 175,000 | 175,000 | | | |
| Profit and Loss Account-Balance of Profit | 2,327 | 2,327 | 2,327 | 2,327 | | | |
| | 658,327 | | | 658,327 | | | |
| LONG TERM LIABILITIES | | | | | | | |
| Debentures secured by a Floating Charge on the assets of the Bank | 2,683,170 | 2,683,170 | 2,683,170 | 2,683,170 | LONG TERM LOANS | | 4,004,919 |
| 4% Debentures | 4,506 | 4,506 | 4,506 | 4,506 | Loans on Mortgage | | 4,004,919 |
| Debentures called for redemption but not provided for payment | 2,941,676 | 2,941,676 | 2,941,676 | 2,941,676 | | | |
| Debenture Interest accrued due | | | | | | | |
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| THE TREASURY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL | | | | | | | |
| Payments on account of acquisition of Debentures | | | | | | | |
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| CURRENT LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND PROVISIONS | | | | | | | |
| Creditors, Contingencies Reserve and Provisions-including provision for Taxation and provision for dividends | 221,389 | 221,389 | 221,389 | 221,389 | TREASURY BILLS OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL | | 3,760,000 |
| Creditors for Advances made at their risk | | | | | | | |
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ON his return to Holland from the Marshall Plan Conference in Paris on January 13, the Netherlands Minister, Mr. D. U. Stikker, declared, "It often happens that from the clear international sky one falls into a parliamentary hell."

His words were prophetic. Within a fortnight, Holland was confronted with two crises simultaneously—a Cabinet crisis precipitated by Mr. Stikker's own resignation—over an internal issue—and the dismissal of the Chief of Staff, General H. J. Kruls, followed by the resignation of several other high officers. The conflict with the Army high command came as a surprise. And while the inter-party conflict over New Guinea was of long standing, the general belief had been that a Cabinet crisis would be averted.

General Dismissed

The dismissal of General Kruls is an indirect result of General Eisenhower's visit to Holland. After his visit the latter wrote a secret note to the American Ambassador in the Netherlands stating that Dutch military preparations against a possible attack from the East were quite inadequate. This note was published on January 18 in the "Volkskrant," the organ of the Catholic Party. At the same time the "New York Times" published a dispatch from their special correspondent attacking the Dutch Premier, Mr. W. Drees, of the Netherlands Labour Party, for his reluctance as a "doctrinaire socialist" to participate actively in the Atlantic defence plan—an attack which was unjustified. Thirdly, on the eve of the sensational publication in the "Volkskrant," which was no doubt due to a "leakage" in a very high place, General Kruls, in an address in a provincial town suggested a defence plan on a very much larger scale than ever considered feasible by the Government.

A connection between General Kruls' views and the publications in the "Volkskrant" and the "New York Times" was not far to seek. The Government consequently informed General Kruls that it could not tolerate the army's having a private policy.

The Government agrees at the same time that the present strength of the army—three mobile divisions—is insufficient. It considers the

extension of the period of military service to two years necessary and the renewed call-up of the veterans of Indonesia. This despite the heavy financial burden involved, and despite the Netherlands' highly adverse balance of payments in 1950 and the general war-weariness.

In his address to the Second Chamber on January 18, Mr. Stikker had also stressed the pressing need to increase the defence apparatus within the framework of European defence in view of the serious international situation. The Netherlands Foreign Minister warned his people to be mindful of the international situation and not to be too preoccupied with internal differences.

Yet, the resignation of Mr. Stikker—one of the Netherlands' ablest Foreign Ministers—was due to an internal conflict over New Guinea, the large island at the eastern end of the Indonesian archipelago—the most obscure part of the Netherlands Empire which only a handful of Dutchmen have ever visited.

Indonesian Settlement

In the Cabinet which was formed in July, 1948, and included members of the Labour, Catholic, Christian Historical (Protestant) and Liberal parties, Mr. Stikker represented the Liberals. His party opposed the line followed by the Cabinet with regard to New Guinea, after the Indonesian settlement in December 1949, remained provisionally under Dutch rule. The proviso was that the Netherlands and the Indonesian Republic might together revise the position after one year. At the end of the year, last month, negotiations took place but were inconclusive.

The Liberal, Anti-Revolutionary (Calvinist) and Christian Historical and two one-man parties, together mustering 33 out of the 100 votes in the Second Chamber, want New Guinea to remain under Dutch rule on the grounds that it is geographically and racially part of Melanesia rather than of Indonesia. The million Papuans for the most part still live in the Stone Age. Those that have come into contact with civilization have become Christians (some 150,000) and not Moslems, like the majority of the Indonesians.

Other Netherlands circles, however, give weight to some of the Indonesian arguments. They also say that the efficient development of New Guinea would require some ill-afforded. Both the Labour Party and the Catholic Party are internally divided on the issue. Some Netherlands circles therefore favour a Netherlands-Indonesian condominium over New Guinea; the Cabinet supports this view.

Australia Concerned

Britain and the United States have offered their mediation, but their actual status is not clear. Australia, on the other hand, which in the previous conflict between the Netherlands and Indonesia supported the latter's independence, this time has come out squarely in favour of the Netherlands. Ruling over the Eastern part of New Guinea herself, Australia fears that Indonesian rule over Western New Guinea might endanger her own position and that Indonesia's possible neutrality in case of a world war might constitute a threat to Australian security.

During the debate on New Guinea in Holland's Second Chamber last week, the Liberal Party supported four votes of censure against the Cabinet of which Mr. Stikker was a member. The votes did not win a majority, but Mr. Stikker saw in them a lack of confidence sufficient for him to resign, and several other members of the Cabinet followed him. How the conflict can be solved is not clear. Transfer to Indonesia cannot gain the necessary majority in Parliament, and Indonesia rejects a condominium.

Readers' Letters

BURMA SURGEON

To the Editor of THE POST:—You published a Reuters report last week that Dr. Gordon Seagrave, author of "Burma Surgeon," was sentenced at Rangoon to six years' imprisonment on a charge of "encouraging, harbouring and comforting" an enemy of the Burma Union, and a further year's imprisonment under the high treason act for aiding an enemy by supplying medical equipment.

The report does not mention which court pronounced this sentence, nor who was the enemy harboured by Dr. Seagrave, nor the circumstances of



Mr. David Ben-Gurion holds the thirteenth child of Abraham Itzhak, a 50-year-old immigrant from Iraq, during the Brith Milah at Bet Lid camp on Friday. The Itzhak family are shown below.

Photo by Ilan

DINING CAR SERVICE

To the Editor of THE POST:—On January 8, there was a complaint in this column about lack of cleanliness in railway dining cars.

We do prepare a certain number of meals in advance to avoid unnecessary waiting for our guests. Food is not exposed for over an hour, as the complainant stated. We prepare the tables only on leaving Tel Aviv and Haifa. If the food on the tables is not consumed after 10 minutes, it is returned to the ice chest.

The dining car is cleaned after every journey.

Yours, etc.,

R. GOTTSCHALK

Haifa, January 21.

Editors' Note: The charges against Dr. Seagrave who was tried by a Burmese Special Tribunal were that he: 1—Gave tea to rebel leader Naw Seng Aoe; 2—Gave the rebels free access to his hospital grounds, allowing them to play a football match and then to take up defence positions against advancing government troops; 3—Gave the rebels surgical equipment and medical supplies; and 4—Wrote a letter to a nurse which disclosed sympathies with the rebels. He was found guilty on Charges 2 and 4 and acquitted of the first two.

LOST RATION BOOK

To the Editor of THE POST:—Will Paula Stendel who lost her "pregnancy ration card" please communicate with the head office of the "Saad," 8 Rehov Balfour, Jerusalem, Tel. 5469.

Yours, etc.,

MARION HOOFFEN

Jerusalem, Jan. 18.

CONCERT PRICES

To the Editor of THE POST:—In reply to a complaint that entrance prices to the "Kol Israel" concerts at the Y.M.C.A. are too high, we wish to inform the complainant that the price barely covers expenses for rent and publicity. There are four price categories: 170, 220, 270 and 320 pruta per ticket. Only when concerts are given in conjunction with other organizations or impresarios is the entrance price slightly higher. They are, however, not beyond those charged for cinema performances.

Yours, etc.,

SHABTAI PETRUSHKA,

Assistant Controller of Music, Kol Israel.

Jerusalem, Jan. 17.

THREE prominent Americans have drawn up a "white paper," offering suggestions for a working relationship between the Synagogue and the State of Israel, based on American law. Authors of the White Paper, published in November, 1950, in New York, are Samuel H. Hirschtler, Justice of the New York Supreme Court since 1933, Colonel Harold Rieglman, and Jacob M. Dimmes, both of the New York Bar. This analysis is reproduced here as a contribution to the current discussion on the conflict between religious orthodoxy and current practice in Israel, and represents the views of an observant correspondent.

The authors begin by recognizing that "The essential Jewishness of the State of Israel is inherent in the published draft of its proposed Constitution." But they add that the many practical problems of reconciling Jewish statehood and religious freedom to its many citizens of various shades of orthodoxy, are left an open question.

The Principle of Separation of Church and State

As practised in the U.S., it adds the report, "While it may be urged in Israel that official adoption and enforcement of a single religious law—Torah and Talmud—would simplify rather than complicate government, there appears to be substantial Israel opinion, that, following the traditional interpretation of that Law and its application to modern economy and politics could create a chain of serious problems."

Protective Law

In America, the paper points out, religion is protected by law in cases such as the protection of the public against misrepresentation of non-kosher food as kosher and the safeguarding generally of the Sabbath (Sunday) against practices which would "interfere with the religious observances of a majority of the people." In the State of New York other Sabbath laws are left to the will of local communities. Religion and State can be separated, the report suggests, and freedom of worship upheld, "by permitting the majority in each community to apply their own reasonable criteria of public decorum and conduct in so far as they affect religious observance."

The report advocates the "Home Rule" policy for municipalities, allowing local authorities the maximum discretion in deciding local affairs within the framework of the State legislation. This regional role should provide a partial "solution to the problems of the nature and extent of any additional safeguards of Jewish traditions in accordance with the wishes of a majority of the residents in each of the local communities."

"Generally, the local protective legislation would be more or less restrictive of activities offensive to the devout majority in the community."

KEEPING POSTED

AN official of the South African Zionist organization, resident in Tel Aviv recently called the Municipality to tell them that a drain attached to his block of flats had overflowed. After two days nothing had been done and he called again and received a second assurance from the sanitary department to the effect that the matter was being attended to. He then received a further assurance through the post. When he returned home the same day he found that these measures amounted to a threat to prosecute him if he did not have the matter attended to within 24 hours. The communication instructed him to contact an organization which would carry out the work if paid in advance. The official then despatched a messenger (the organization is not on the phone), and some money, but the messenger came back to report that they wanted to know the size of the drain, as well as certain other particulars with which our harassed friend was not acquainted. Eventually the messenger returned with his receipt. The slip was on official municipal stationery. The repair team did arrive the next morning, but as the official had failed to leave the receipt with his wife there was no proof that he had paid the money. Despite the fact that his wife pointed out to the workers that they would not have been sent if the office had not received the money, the team left saying that they might return the next day, and warned her to have

the receipt handy. The official has now lost all interest in the matter. He points out that an infant state of two and a half years may be excused for some defects in its methods, but asks what excuse a municipality of 40 years standing has to offer? At his request we are using his 500 pruta contribution fee to buy a bottle of aspirins for the Town Clerk.

ONE of our reporters recently attended a meeting where a guest brought greetings from "The Jewish Women of the United States." When asked what group she represented she replied "I am a member of every Jewish Women's Organization in America, including Hadassah and the Mizrahi. They are all striving for the upbuilding of Israel." The lady added that in the U.S. Zionist party politics paid no play such a big role and that there were many women who were members of more than one organization at the same time.

WHEN Rabbi Aharon Einstein, who crossed the lines by accident at the Jerusalem Bethlehem Road this month, told the Jordan press that he had received fair and polite treatment, Ammi Bey Nashashibi, sometime member of the Israel Jordan M.A.C., remarked that The Jerusalem Post would report the matter otherwise, and painting a black picture of his treatment. According to "Palestine," the Old City daily, the Rabbi is said to have replied: "It does not matter what The Post says, when I return to

America I will tell them about the fine character of the Arab people." The Rabbi was returned to Israel on Friday, but we have not asked him for a statement how he was really treated because reader Ammi Bey would not believe us anyway.

HABIT dies hard. Correspondents the world over still refer to The Palestine Post as a reader in Holon reported this week that his newspaper vendor still calls out Palestine Post. When the news is dull this individualist also makes up his

own headlines. The best to date... "Truman asks Ben-Gurion for Loan." Our correspondent took him to task over the name, but only once since he has heard the newspaperman call out Jerusalem Post and then in a tone that indicated that his heart was not in the matter.

The two have now reached a compromise, and on the man's approach the vendor calls out "FOODSST!" But as our correspondent turns the corner he again hears the full-throated cry of a man who knows what's what... "Poonallesiine Poonst!"

Today's contributors include: S.M. Levin of Tel Aviv; W. Segal of Holon; and G.W. and H.B. of Jerusalem.



THE United States leads the world in production, France in fashions, Australia in cricket and China in population. These coveted distinctions are on every school-boy's lips, but in a world of scarcity leads the world as salesman. In places like Israel and England where everybody is eager to buy, salesmanship is hardly required, except in that specialized activity which seeks to relieve the prosperous overseas states of his holiday funds; and which has extended its hospitality to the point of offering shareholders' parties in the form of a luncheon.

SOLD

Where is the world's most efficient salesmanship shown? It is in Egypt, where reliable sources estimate 95 per cent of the population to be engaged in whole or part-time selling, a view which will be confirmed by the thousands of foreigners who have passed through the country.

Progressive Party

Jerusalem

Talk (in German) by Dr. HERBERT FOERSTER, Member of the Knesset

Tonight at 8.30

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'Israel—the World Crisis. The Tragic Comedy of Communal Elections.'

All members and friends of the Party are invited.

Hadassah Clubs for Overseas Visitors

WEEKLY SEMINARS

Haifa: Today, January 29, at 4 p.m., at the home of Mrs. G. Hattis, Hattishi B St., House Enya Levin, Mt. Carmel.

Mrs. J. Ben-Zion, on "Education in Israel."

Tel Aviv: Tomorrow, January 30, at 4.30 p.m., at the Hadassah Club, 80 Hayarkon Street.

Mrs. A. Holzman, on "Music in Israel."

Jerusalem: Wednesday, January 31, at 4 p.m., at the home of Mrs. A. Falk, 3 Oan Behavia.

Mr. Ph. Guy, on "Archaeological Progress in Israel."

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